PAGE 319 * RCVD AT 12/21/2004 9:20:18 AM [Eastern Standard Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/24 * DNIS:2738300 * CSID:336 632 2012 * DURATION (mm-ss):02-40 Response Under 37 CFR §1.118 Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1681 CASE PB/5-30021/A CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION I hereby certify that this paper (elong with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facalimile transmitted to the Patent and Transmark Office on the date shown below. August 22, 2003 Susan Keafer Date or print name IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK ÖFFICE Art Unit: 1661 IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF Examiner: Anne Marie Grunberg PETER BOUTSALIS INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP98/03279 FILED: JUNE 2, 1998 U.S. APPLICATION NO: 09/445, 278 35 USC §\$71 DATE: JUNE 25, 2001 FOR: PESTICIDE SCREENING SYSTEM Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116 Sir: This paper is responsive to the Official action mailed April 22, 2003, finally rejecting the claims. A petition for a one-month extension accompanies this response. Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows:

Amendments to the Specification - None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings - N/A

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.